

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY OF ALAMEDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Bonta called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Acting Chair Bonta. Commission Members: Dahlberg, Harrison, Lindsey, McKean, Reeves, Ryan, and Viehweg

Absent: Commission Member: Breuer

Staff: Eric Fonstein and Rosemary Valeska

1.a. Welcome to new EDC Members Robert McKean and Bruce Reeves

Acting Chair Bonta welcomed the new members and asked that each Commission Member introduce him or herself and give a brief recap regarding his or her background.

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2.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2009

Motion (Dahlberg), seconded, and unanimous (with abstentions by Lindsey, McKean, and Reeves) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2009 as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(None)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Election of Officers for 2009-10

Bonta was voted Chair (6-2). Harrison was voted Vice Chair (7-1).

REPORTS

(None)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

8.a. Upcoming EDC Agenda Items

- Commission Member Dahlberg requested an update regarding Alameda Point.
- Commission Member Harrison asked about the status of the Business Attraction Subcommittee report. Lorre Zuppan was in the audience and she stated that she had some information for the Commission. She stated that she recently had a conversation with former EDC Member Donna Milgram, who had chaired this subcommittee. Ms. Milgram had indicated that recent job commitments have kept her from presenting the report but that she has been in contact with Economic Development staff. Mr. Fonstein confirmed that Ms. Milgram could give the presentation.
- Commission Member McKean requested an update regarding redevelopment funds and the State budget.
- Commission Member Reeves requested an update regarding the former Cavanaugh Motors property. Mr. Fonstein stated that on September 15, the Community Improvement Commission awarded a contract for utility undergrounding at Park Street and Buena Vista Avenue. This work should be completed within 90 days.

8.b. Redevelopment Magazine

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. Fonstein reported the following:

- At the September 15 City Council meeting, the EDC Business Retention Subcommittee report was continued to October 6, as there was not enough time.
- Huell Howser was in Alameda on July 28 to tape an episode of *California's Communities*. The air date for this episode has not yet been announced.
- Mr. Fonstein and Ms. Zuppan recapped some key points of the presentation made by Jon Haveman of Beacon Economics at the September 15 Business and Real Estate Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Valeska
EDC Recording Secretary

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